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18 June - 10 July 1955

1. [redacted] ship arrived at Novorossiysk [redacted]. Formerly, a [redacted] ship sailing to Novorossiysk was boarded by the pilot two miles off Cape Doob (N44-37, E37-54), and the ship was followed by a motorboat into the harbor. On this occasion, however, the pilot did not board [redacted] ship until it reached the harbor. Since there was no place to moor at the cement pier, the ship was directed to a site outside the harbor where it anchored for eight days. 25X1
2. [redacted] ship anchored a short distance from the cement works. A Soviet cruiser [redacted] was anchored nearby. The cruiser was approximately 160 meters long, had a flush deck, and initially was painted dark gray. Two days later it had been painted light gray. The cruiser had two tripod masts and two stacks. One mast was located between the bridge and the forward stack; and the other was situated between the two stacks. There were four twin turrets, two forward and two aft. There was a director tower aft of the forward turrets and another forward of the after turrets. There was a rangefinder in each of the two directors. Antiaircraft guns were located between the bridge and the after stack. The ship had U.S.-type SG radar on each mast and flew from the stern a white flag with hammer and sickle insignia. At the bow there was a red standard marked with what appeared to be two yellow stars. [redacted] another cruiser anchored off the Cape Doob lighthouse. It resembled the cruiser just described, except that it had no after mast [redacted] Neither cruiser was seen after 29 June. 25X1
3. [redacted] a small submarine sailed slowly back and forth between the end of the eastern breakwater and the shore for two or three hours in the late afternoon. 25X1

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4. Inside the harbor there were many naval vessels. These naval vessels occasionally left the port and then returned. On 3 July, the entire fleet (sic) stationed in the port departed.

5. On 27 June, two targets, one large and the other small, were towed to sea by tugs. Later the same day the sound of gunfire was heard. On 3 July, the targets, mounted on steel craft, were returned to port. There were rectangular screens on some of the poles of the targets.

6. On the night of 25 June, between 2100 and 2300 hours, [redacted] red lights flying horizontally through the air from the sea. The lights extinguished themselves in the harbor. They resembled rockets with a blunt head and narrowing trail. Six or seven of these lights were observed two or three times during the period in question.

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7. [redacted] during the night hours, jet aircraft flew in from the sea and continued toward Gelendzhik. During the daytime the sound of jet aircraft could be heard; but the aircraft could not be seen, as there were too many clouds.

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29 July - 10 August 1955

8. [redacted] ship moored at the cement pier, pier No. 12 [redacted] 25X1
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9. There was a shipyard with a slipway in the northeastern section of the port. Two 100-ton tugs and the hull of a 500-ton ship were under construction on the way. The hulls constructed at this shipyard were fitted out in the eastern section of the port, in the area in front of the ship repair and equipment factory. There were four hulls in the process of being fitted out. [redacted] a dredge was brought here to be equipped. [redacted] 25X1

10. There was a large electric power plant close to the shore, behind (sic) the shipyard. This plant supplied the city with electricity.

11. Across the harbor from the naval base there was a cold storage plant for fish.

12. At 1100 hours on 1 August, a Soviet minesweeper [redacted] entered the harbor and moored at the naval base quay. Three patrol boats were moored at this quay. The minesweeper was painted dark gray. It was about 70 meters in length and had a raised forecastle. [redacted] 25X1
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[redacted] There was a single raked stack amidships. A mast was located just aft of the stack. On the foremast there was a radar navigation antenna. The ship was armed with a gun forward. A white flag, marked with red hammer and sickle and a blue star, flew at the stern.

13. The patrol boats were about 40 meters in length, had a flush deck and rounded stern, and were painted dark gray. Each had a single raked stack. On the foremast of each vessel there was a radar navigation antenna. The boats were each armed with one gun forward and with depth charges in the stern. The depth charges were thrown either by air pressure or by an explosive charge. The boat [redacted] flew a flag similar to that flown by the minesweeper. [redacted] 25X1

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